

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 4-8 and 14-18 and add new claims 19 – 32 as follows:

Claim 1. (currently cancelled)

2. (currently amended) ~~A technical and commercial~~ The method of managing information ~~claim 3 further comprising the steps:~~

~~providing an information storage and retrieval system containing plural intellectual property;~~

~~enabling a user fee based access to the information storage and retrieval system by users through an electronic communications network; of:~~

~~receiving instructions for the accessing and amendment of the intellectual property~~ archived IP ~~from the users;~~

~~saving the received instructions for accessing and amendment of the intellectual property;~~ archived IP; and

~~indexing the~~ saved ~~received instructions to the intellectual property~~ archived IP ~~and~~

~~to a set of user defined key words, linkages and attributes of, and related to,~~

~~the received instructions and the intellectual property; and~~

~~financing an endowment trust from user fees, said trust set up as a separately managed trust providing enduring funding for the maintenance and operation of the storage and retrieval system to assure continued availability of the intellectual property~~ archived IP.

3. (currently amended) A technical and commercial method of managing information comprising the steps: of:

~~providing an information storage and retrieval~~ archival ~~system containing plural~~ archived ~~intellectual property; (IP);~~

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enabling a user fee based access to the archived IP in the information storage and retrieval system by users through an electronic communications network; and

~~financing~~ funding an endowment trust from ~~user~~ archival fees, said endowment trust being separately managed to provide enduring funding for the maintenance and operation of the storage and retrieval archival system to assure continued availability of the ~~intellectual property~~ archived IP regardless of access thereto.

Claims 4-8 (currently cancelled)

9. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the method comprises the further step of interconnecting for operation: a main server, a mirror server, an operational backup system, a disaster recovery system, connection to the Internet and thereby to at least one of: main frame computers, personal computers, personal digital assistants, web TV sets, WAP cell phones, and dedicated Internet connections.

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10. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the ~~intellectual property~~ indexing step comprises assembling information taken from an aspects list of: intellectual property type, country of publication, author name, assignee, revenue sharing ratio, bank account, keywords, abstract, excerpts, ISBN number, ISSN number, publication date, volume number, issue number, page number, file format, file size, language rating, and violence rating.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the receiving instructions for access ~~enabling~~ step comprises at least one of the further steps of: reviewing a list of ~~intellectual property~~ archived IP retrieved, selecting specific intellectual property to access, selecting a level of access, paying an access fee, and receiving the selected intellectual property, ~~and modifying the access file~~.

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12. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the receiving instructions for access level selecting step includes at least one of the further steps of: determining if the user is a member, signing the user as member, accepting agreement, paying membership fee, downloading access software, receiving open credit balance, reviewing fee schedule, selecting level of access, and paying further search and retrieval fees.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12 wherein the receiving instructions for access level selecting step includes at least one of the further steps of:

determining if the user has been granted permission, by the owner of the archived IP, to access to the selected IP; and

verifying the ~~The identity of the users may be verified user~~ using methods such as, ~~but not limited to,~~ user id, password, computer id, CPU id, secondary password, smart cards, encoded credit cards and/or ~~'biometric'~~ biometric identification systems.

Claims 14-18 (currently cancelled)

19. (new) The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of establishing a Permanent IP Identification Address (PIPA) for identifying the address of the archived IP in a Permanent IP Domain (PIPD).

20. (new) The method of claim 19 wherein the funding of the endowment fund step further comprises the steps of:

managing the PIPD by operator-managers; and

separately managing the endowment trust from the management of the PIPD.

21. (new) The method of claim 2 wherein the funding of the endowment fund step further comprises the steps of:

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assessing an archival fee associated with archived IP sufficient to fund the endowment fund for the archived IP; and

receiving the archival fee from an IP owner of the archived IP.

22. (new) The method of claim 20 further comprising the steps of:
augmenting the endowment fund for the archived IP with donations, grants or operating surplus.

23. (new) The method of claim 20 further comprising the steps of:
pooling endowment funds for a plurality of archived IP for increased permanence including increased liquidity and reduced risk.

24. (new) The method of claim 20 further comprising the steps of:
establishing one or more access files separate from the archived IP, each access file associated with a user;
enabling access to an access file by a user wherein each access file comprises the PIPA for the archived IP, an identity of the user, and value-added information by the user.

25. (new) The method of claim 24 further comprising the steps of:
accessing a user's access file by the accessing user;
combining the value-added information and the archived IP into a combined product; and
presenting the combined product to the accessing user.

26. (new) The method of claim 24 further comprising the steps of:
accessing a first user's first access file by a second user for forming a second access file;
combining value-added information of the first and second access files and the archived IP of the into a combined product; and

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presenting the combined product to the second accessing user.

27. (new) The method of claim 24 wherein a user accesses archived IP further comprising the steps of:

opening an access file; and

obtaining a presentation of the combined product including at least the PIPA for the archived IP and the permanently archived IP associated therewith.

28. (new) The method of claim 24 further comprising the steps of:

initiating the creation of an access file by a user by the entry of information associated with the archived IP; and

once the archived IP is identified, the PIPA for the archived IP, an identity of the user, and value-added information by the user can be added to the access file.

29. (new) The method of claim 24 wherein a user accesses archived IP further comprising the steps of:

searching a plurality of access files to ascertain if archived IP is stored for retrieval; and if so

opening the access file associated with the archived IP for obtaining a presentation of the combined product including at least the PIPA for the archived IP and the permanently archived IP associated therewith.

30. (new) The method of claim 19 wherein the amount of archived information for review by a user is minimized and wherein:

IP owners only fund an endowment fund for archived IP deemed worthy, and

PIPA are established only for archived IP, and thus

the information and retrieval system only contains archived IP deemed by IP owners as being worthy.

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31. (new) The method of claim 19 further comprising the step of establishing an index tag for each archived IP and comprising at least a PIPA for the archived IP, the index tags being useful for indexing purposes.

32. (new) The method of claim 24 further comprising the step of backing up the access file on the storage and retrieval archival system operated in the PIPD.
